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Neil Mortimer, Chairman
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
919 U. S. Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Re: Invitation to consult regarding proposed listing and future remediation efforts at the Anaconda Mine, Lyon County, Nevada.

Dear Chairman Mortimer:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) regarding the EPA's proposal to list the Anaconda Superfund Site ("the Site") on the National Priorities List (NPL). The proposed listing is in response to human health and environmental hazards associated with contaminants, including uranium, in soil and groundwater at and near the Site.

The Site is located just west of Yerington, in Lyon County, Nevada (see enclosed map). While much of the Site is on privately-owned lands, portions of the Site are located on public lands managed by the BLM. If the Site is listed on the NPL, the BLM would coordinate with the EPA and the NDEP on plans to remediate human health and environmental hazards related to the Site. Remediation planning would be through a Proposed Plan, which would also include tribal consultation and public outreach. Currently, the BLM is working with the EPA and the NDEP to more clearly define each agency's role, the course of action moving forward, and the schedule of next steps.

To date, the BLM is aware of three tribes that have expressed interest in matters regarding the Site: the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, and the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (WTNC) of the EPA's proposed listing and the BLM's involvement in potential future remediation planning and implementation; and to ask whether the WTNC wishes to consult with the BLM regarding these matters.

The BLM invites the WTNC to consult regarding the Anaconda Superfund Site. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (775) 885-6151 or by email at rthomas@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Ralph Thomas
District Manager
Carson City District Office

Enclosures

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